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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/718,692

Examiner

SYED BOKHARI

Applicant(s)

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- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/01/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-6, 20, 7 and 9-16 renumbered as 1-15 respectively.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Syed Bokhari/
Examiner, Art Unit 2473

DETAILED ACTION

Reason for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1, 3-7, 9-16 and 20 are allowed.

The present invention is directed to a communication system capable of improving a TCP transmission efficiency includes a transmitter for transmitting data packets; a receiver connected to the transmitter, and for receiving the data packets and transmitting to the transmitter response signals with respect to the received data packets; and a multiplexer for multiplexing and transmitting to the transmitter the response signals transmitted from the receiver, and transmitting the transmitted data packets from the transmitter to a corresponding receiver, the multiplexer provided with a queue status monitor for monitoring queue statuses of the transmitted data packets and/or response signals, and a congestion control adjuster instructing the receiver to hold or compress the response signals based on the monitored queue status. Accordingly, the communication system can carry out efficient TCP congestion control by reducing a load of the TCP congestion control of the transmitters and receivers.

Regarding claim 1, a communication system, comprising: a transmitter for transmitting one or more data packets; at least one receiver connected to the transmitter, for receiving the data packets and transmitting to the transmitter one or more response signals in response to the received data packets; and a multiplexer for multiplexing and transmitting to the transmitter the response signals transmitted from

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the receiver, and transmitting the transmitted data packets from the transmitter to a corresponding receiver, the multiplexer composed of: a queue status monitor; and a congestion control adjuster, wherein the queue status monitor monitors a queue status of at least one of the transmitted data packets and the response signals, and wherein the congestion control adjuster instructs the receiver to compress the response signals based on the monitored queue status, and wherein the receiver includes a response signal holding/compressing unit for, if the congestion control adjuster disposed between the transmitter and the at least one receiver predicts that congestion will occur with the response signals transmitted to the transmitter from the receiver, compressing the response signals for a predetermined period of time, as instructed by the congestion control adjuster, and wherein the queue status monitor is disposed inside the multiplexer.

Regarding claim 7, a communication system, comprising: at least one transmitter for transmitting one or more data packets; at least one receiver belonging to a private network and connected to the transmitter, for receiving the data packets and transmitting to the transmitter one or more response signals in response to the received data packets; and a gateway for arbitrating a communication protocol between the transmitter and the private network, the gateway composed of: a queue status monitor; and a congestion control adjuster; wherein the queue status monitor monitors a queue status of at least one of the transmitted data packets and the response signals, and wherein the congestion control adjuster instructs the receiver to compress the response signals based on the monitored queue status, and wherein the receiver includes a

response signal holding/compressing unit for, if the congestion control adjuster disposed between the at least one transmitter and the at least one receiver predicts that congestion will occur with the response signals transmitted to the transmitter from the receiver, compressing the response signals for a predetermined period of time, as instructed by the congestion control adjuster, and wherein the queue status monitor is disposed inside the gateway.

Regarding claim 13, a communication method in which a receiver receiving data packets from a transmitter transmits to the transmitter response signals corresponding to the data packets, comprising: monitoring a queue status of at least one of the data packets and the response signals; instructing the receiver to compress the response signals based on the monitored queue status; and if a congestion control adjuster disposed between the transmitter and the receiver predicts that congestion will occur with the response signals transmitted to the transmitter from the receiver, compressing the response signals for a predetermined period of time, as instructed by the congestion control adjuster.

The closest prior art (US 6,622,172 B1) discloses a method, a computer product and a communications system in relation to data communications in an asymmetric network connection where the data communications is in accordance with a communications protocol wherein a receiver transmits acknowledgement packets for acknowledging data packets transmitted by a sender. The invention includes the step of measuring the interval between the transmission of data from one of the receiver and sender and the reception of a response thereto by the one of the receiver and sender

and determines a window size indicative of the maximum number of the data packets transmittable by the sender for a duration absent any reception of the acknowledgement packets by the sender for the duration in accordance with the communications protocol, wherein the window size is determined using the measured interval and regulating the frequency of transmission of the acknowledgement packets from the receiver, the regulation dependent on the determined window size.

3-6 and 20, 9-12 and 14-16 are allowed since they depend on claims 1, 7 and 13 respectively.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SYED BOKHARI whose telephone number is (571)270-3115. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00-17:00 Hrs..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kwang B. Yao can be reached on (571) 272-3182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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